facilities, apart from a fully equipped Physiotherapy Unit. However, Super-speciality consultation in the fields of Urology, Neurology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, etc. can be obtained at the Government hospitals like AIIMS, G.B. Pant, Safdarjung and Dr. RML hospital, etc.

(b) There is no sanctioned post of Urologist under the CGHS. As already stated, Specialist's consultation in Urology can be obtained at the Government hospitals like Safdarjung and RML hospital, etc.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Judgement on treatment to accident victims

2151. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent judgement the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has ruled that doctors/hospitals cannot turn away accident victims on any ground, including the ground that patients were not ready with requisite fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether similar judgement had already been given by the Supreme Court of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether those judgements of the apex court were given wide publicity for information and compliance throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi in its order dated 25.4.2005 has observed that doctors/hospitals cannot turn away accident victims on the ground that required advance money has not been deposited. In the case under reference emergency treatment was started when an accident victim was brought to a private Hospital in Kolkata but the treatment was discontinued as the person

who had brought the victim to the hospital could not deposit advance of Rs. 15000/-. The patient was simply shifted to a Government Hospital (which was at a distance) without any transfer records. The National Consumer Redressal Commission, New Delhi as awarded a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh in this case.

Observations of the Commission in its order dated 25.04.05 have been conveyed to all State Governments for issue of appropriate advice to all Hospitals including Private Hospitals.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement 6.5.1996 in the case No.1 796/92-Paschim Bangal Khet Mazdoor Samity *Vs.* State of Bengal & Others has also stressed to provide medical services and its improvement in the country to the citizens. The judgement was circulated to all the State Governments and Central Government Hospitals for strict compliance.

Task force for medical education

†2152. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to constitute a task force of experts to keep an eye on doctors and medical education;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) the jurisdiction of the aforesaid task force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

WHO's warning on mother and child deaths

2153. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WHO has warned India that the number of untimely death of mothers and children could shoot up;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.